

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. - 11. (Canceled)

12. (New) A shower nozzle, wherein a holding portion having a water flow passage communicating with a hot/cold water inlet formed therein and a water spraying portion having a plurality of water passing holes provided therein are connected to each other through an open/close valve detachably disposed at one end portion of the holding portion or the water spraying portion to form a nozzle body, a push button is mounted on the other end of the water spraying portion, a shaft which performs the open/close operation of the open/close valve in an interlocking manner with the push button is arranged in the inside of the water spraying portion, the shaft is vertically movable in an interlocking manner with the vertical movement generated by pushing the push button and with the rotational movement which is generated by the rotation of the push button, whereby a degree of opening of the open/close valve is adjustable.

13. (New) A shower nozzle according to claim 12, wherein the push button and the open/close valve are detachably mounted.

14. (New) A shower nozzle according to claim 13, wherein an upper cap is detachably mounted on the other end portion of the water spraying portion, and either one of the mounting of the open/close valve and the push button and the mounting of the upper cap is selectable.

15. (New) A shower nozzle according to any one of claim 12 to 14, wherein an upper end portion of the shaft and a lower end portion of the push button are threadedly engaged with each other.

16. (New) A shower nozzle according to any one of claim 12 to 14, wherein the shaft is constituted of an upper shaft which is arranged on the push button side and a lower shaft which is arranged on the open/close valve side and, at the same time, end portions of the upper shaft and lower shaft are threadedly engaged with each other.

17. (New) A shower nozzle according to any one of claims 12 to 14, wherein a portion of the nozzle body except for at least the water passing holes

is covered with a detachable cover to which the surface treatment is applied and which also constitutes a separate body.

18. (New) A shower nozzle according to any one of claims 12 to 14, wherein an upper ring having a diameter larger than an outer diameter of the nozzle body portion is mounted on a distal end portion of the water spraying portion.

19. (New) A shower nozzle according to claim 18, wherein the nozzle body is formed in an approximately cylindrical rod shape, a lower ring is mounted on a lower portion of the nozzle body, and the cover is arranged inside a line which connects an outer periphery of the upper ring and an outer periphery of the lower ring.

20. (New) A shower nozzle according to any one of claims 12 to 14, wherein with respect to the plurality of water passing holes formed in the water spraying portion, the water passing holes which are positioned at an uppermost portion and a lowermost portion of the water spraying portion are formed to have a diameter large than a diameter of other water passing holes.

21. (New) A shower nozzle according to any one of claims 12 to 14, wherein in the inside of the water spraying portion, a volume reducing unit which reduces a volume in which the staying water to be communicated with the water spraying holes stays when the shower nozzle is arranged vertically is arranged.